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I agree with you it is generally a good idea to try and use one laboratory but, with the volume of samples we may be processing we may have to consider using more than one lab. When I spoke with Ft. Meade they were saying they may depend on other regional labs to help us so we may have the issue anyway.

Of course we must assure that the same methods are used with each lab so you should check with the potential lab to see if they can run the methods that Meade will be using. If they can't match this method then we can't use them. So please ask Gene to research this issue.

Thanks for being thorough....
Rich

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Rich,
In our earlier conversation today you had asked if we can start thinking about a contingency in case Ft. Meade falls through or cannot handle the capacity we may need. I spoke to Gene and he thought that we should be able to procure a lab within 3 days notice. However, there are certain things that may change the number of days to procure the lab such as; total number of samples, frequency of samples being shipped to the lab, the lab having personnel available to analyze the samples, the lab being able to analyze for all the required parameters, and EPA's approval on our laboratory subcontract. Also, when I was speaking with you earlier, I had forgot that when we submitted the request for bids earlier in the project, we had only requested bids for the parameters not being analyzed by Ft. Meade. So we would have to get new bids on the parameters that Ft. Meade had planned on analyzing. Another thing to keep in mind, is that it is usually not preferred to have 2 different labs analyzing for the same parameters. If it is required, we would want to ensure that all the same methods are being used by both labs.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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